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Public Comments Invited on Proposed Agreement Between EPA and University of Portland

Public comment is invited on the proposed "Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action" (Agreement) between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the University of Portland (UP). This Agreement will facilitate UP's plans to buy the Triangle Park property at 5828 North Van Houten Place, by December 31, 2006, and UP's future planned purchase of the adjacent property, owned by McCormick & Baxter, Inc., at 6900 N. Edgewater Avenue in Portland

Under this Agreement, EPA will oversee cleanup activities performed by the UP on the Triangle Park property. UP will perform a non-time critical removal action in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The UP has agreed to spend \$3 million toward that effort even though the University has not caused or contributed to the contamination at the site.

The Agreement also includes protections that will allow the parties to avoid difficult and prolonged litigation, as well as reserving the rights of EPA to complete response actions at the property, if necessary. At a minimum, the cleanup will meet the cleanup objectives set forth in the 2005 Record of Decision for soil cleanup issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

The UP is purchasing the Triangle Park property in order to relocate and expand athletic and academic facilities. EPA has determined that this Agreement is in the public interest, because the property will be returned to productive reuse. In addition, public recreation opportunities will be expanded by the construction of a riverfront walkway with public access.

You can find the Agreement on EPA's website: http:// yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/TrianglePark . Copies have also been placed at the St. Johns, Northwest and downtown branches of the Multnomah County Library. To get a copy from EPA by mail, contact Jennifer MacDonald at 206-553-8311 or toll free at 800-424-4372.

Comments will be accepted on this action through December 18, 2006. EPA will use public comments to determine if changes are needed before the Agreement becomes final.

Send written comments by December 18, 2006 to: Jennifer MacDonald, ORC-158 **EPA Office of Regional Counsel** 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101 or to MacDonald.Jennifer@epa.gov